

COMMUNICATIONS.

For the Ohio Organ.

MONTICELLO, Ohio, April 6th, 1853.

Belmont County Quarterly Council met pursuant to adjournment.—The President being absent, H. D. McCarty was called to the chair.—The minutes of previous meeting was then read and adopted.

R. Hambleton offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:—

Resolved, That the Daughters of Temperance be admitted to a seat in this Council, and hereafter have the privilege of sending regular delegates.

On motion of W. H. Clark, Article 4th of the Constitution was so amended as to admit the Daughters of Temperance, and to give to each Division and Union in the county, one delegate for every five members.

The following persons were appointed to draft resolutions:—R. Hambleton, J. W. Newport, H. B. Bumgarner, B. F. Ramage and J. Woodruff; the Council then took a recess until half past one o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The committee reported the following resolutions which were adopted.

Resolved, That civil government was instituted amongst men to secure to all the rights and privileges compatible with the well being of man in the broadest sense, political, social and moral.

Resolved, That in protecting and securing these rights, no one is to be fostered at the expense and disadvantage of the others.

Resolved, That moral rights and privileges being more intimately connected with man's present and future destiny, they hence acquire a paramount influence, and should have the first place in every code of law designed for the government of man.

Resolved, That the Liquor traffic in every aspect, and under every variety of circumstances, has invariably proved destructive of the good morals, peace, and order of society; thus sapping the corner stone of civil order, good government, and all that is noble in humanity.

Resolved, That it hence becomes the imperative duty of all who desire the progress, development, and highest attainment of the human family, by every honorable means, to oppose the further continuance of said traffic.

Resolved, That it is known to every person, and all the world besides, that the "Sons" have set their face as steel against the traffic; and however the world and politicians may discredit our profession hitherto, they are destined to a sore disappointment if they further presume on our forbearance.

Resolved, That we hail with joy the "Star in the West", the Franklin County Alliance, and by all that is pure, noble, and holy in temperance, we urge every temperance man to enlist under the glorious banner, and swear by the blood of murdered victims, the tears of wives and orphans, the cries of maidenhood, childhood, old age, and the demoniac yells of the victims themselves,—never to relax your efforts to stop the burning tide of ruin—and never to lend your political influence either in procuring nominations or voting for any man who will not publicly pledge himself to use all his official as well as personal influence in destroying the traffic.

Resolved, That in order that all may act understandingly in this matter, we urge upon temperance men of every name, and no name, immediately to organize an Alliance in Belmont county with branches in every school district.

Resolved, That we would not forget the mothers, wives, daughters, and sisters of old Belmont, but earnestly

solicit their co-operation in this glorious cause.

Resolved, That we are not gulls, and that our late legislators have lost their labor in setting a trap for the sober part of community, into which none but drunkards or fools will be decoyed. Their legislation and themselves are alike loathed and despised.

Resolved, That our motto is "total destruction to the liquor traffic," and we have nailed it to the mast, and never will surrender, so make your choice, gentlemen politicians, we have made ours.

The Council then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year.

On motion of W. H. Clark, the following resolution was adopted.

Resolved, That the President be directed to appoint a committee of five persons, who shall constitute a County Executive Committee, whose duty it shall be to correspond with the State Executive Committee relative to securing the services of Dr. Charles Jewett, of Massachusetts, to lecture in Belmont county.

The following persons were appointed said committee, H. D. McCarty, W. J. Stubbles, J. W. Newport, Thos. Michner and W. H. Clark.

Moved that a copy of the proceedings be prepared and forwarded to the Ohio Organ of Temperance Reform and the papers of this county for publication.

The Council then adjourned to meet in St. Clairsville on the 4th of July next. T. S. AMBROSE, Pres.
W. H. CLARK, R. Sec'y.

For the Ohio Organ.

Rose Cottage,

MEDINA, April 12th '53.

MR. EDITOR:—Having informed you of the phase of the temperance question on the 25th of last month, in relation to electing a board of municipal officers, for the village corporation, it is but right to add what has transpired since in connexion with the same subject. It appears that a day or so previous to the election, from a source whence the temperance body anticipated strong opposition, emanated one of the best temperance tickets that could have been got up for the object desired, a final suppression of rum shops and gambling saloons, &c. This was called the people's ticket, and the party who gave it its paternity, claim that of the two temperance tickets, this was the most consistent with the avowed purposes of temperance men. To all of which the latter will not I presume demur, since many of the most active leaders in the project of prohibition were the ones selected. This ticket prevailed so generally that all the officers elected are men of the right sort who have already gone about the good work, and will I doubt not acquit themselves like men. Whether this unexpected proceeding had ought to do with the fall election, of county officers, I leave for those to judge who understand political calisthenics far better than myself. Whatever cause conspired to render our measures triumphant, is but of little moment, compared with the result, for even were this measure in reference to the fall elections, it shows conclusively where the issue is to be for the future until we get a Maine Law and have it enforced.

The truth is the minds of the people in this section have been brought to the subject not only by temperance effort, but by many outrages upon good morals and public order, and the whole people are convinced that there is something very wrong about dram shops and gambling saloons; and are half a mind to try the experiment of dispensing with the fixtures to the corporation of Medina. It is at present no unusual occurrence to

see men who six months since were unimpressible, and regardless of their influence, to declare boldly for a suppression of every thing of the kind. This is the case with the young men of Medina; twenty of them having given their names for organizing a Temple of Honor, in the Social Degree of which some of the young ladies will unite. This is encouraging and speaks well for progress and the future. We shall soon also have an ordinance here worth talking about.

The vice of drinking is so disgusting in its nature, and so antagonistic to all that is pure and good, that the candid mind cannot be brought to seriously reflect upon the subject without spontaneously acknowledging that mankind are a thousand times better off without ardent spirits in any form. This leads me to reflect that the present interest in the State should not be suffered to subside; temperance meetings, conventions, lectures &c., be discontinued during the summer months, but the subject pressed home to the hearts and consciences at all times, until the moral atmosphere of Ohio is purified of much of the mist of caution and self-interest that now obscures the mental vision.

I have seen the time when I had many fears of encroaching upon the liberties of the people by an entire prohibition; but the more I see of the sufferings of the poor victim of alcohol, and his wretched and heart broken family, the more confidence I feel that this is a question in which the State authority has a right to interfere for the common good; and I trust the day is not far distant when crime shall stand out in bold relief upon our statute books for the act of selling this poison, which I am well persuaded has peopled our grave yards and filled the land with mourning.—Men have a right to be protected by this good parent, the State, from loss of property, disease and death; we have a right to be protected from the abuse and neglect of intemperate relatives—children have a right to be protected from the cruelty of intemperate parents, and the State has a right to be protected from pauperism and crime. Heaven bless this reform and bring it to a happy termination.

M. J. BRONSON.

For the Organ.

EAST ROCHESTER, Col. Co. O.,

April 13th, 1853.

BRO CLARK:—Having a little spare time this morning I drop you a line, wishing to inform you of what we have been doing in our township in the temperance cause. On the 28th of March, agreeably to previous notice, a respectable number of the citizens of this township met in this village, for the purpose of forming a Township Temperance Alliance. On motion a committee of five was appointed to draft a constitution. The committee reported through their chairman, a preamble, constitution and resolution, which were adopted almost unanimously by the meeting; after which eighty persons came forward and signed their names to the constitution. Our constitution is similar to the Hamilton county constitution.—The name is West Township Temperance Alliance. The resolution adopted is as follows:—

Resolved, that we hereby respectfully but earnestly request the different political parties to nominate for office in future, and especially for the legislature, good and reliable temperance men, and we will use our influence, individually, in our respective parties to secure the nomination of such men and such only. A delegation of five persons was appointed by the meeting to attend the county meeting held in New Lisbon. The meeting then adjourned to meet in the same

place, Tuesday evening, the 5th April. When the members with many others met for the purpose of electing officers &c., the following persons were elected officers of the Alliance, for its first term (six months), viz.

President—T. H. Woolley,
Vice Presidents—E. M. Colestock, Joseph Coulson,
Sec'y.—James Martin,
Treas.—John Hunter,
Finance Committee—Israel H. Hole, D. W. Emmons, Cath. Colestock, Ellis Martin, Benjamin Coulson.

Ten others became members on that evening, making in all ninety persons who are members of this Alliance, all of mature age, twenty-five of whom are legal voters. This we consider a fair start in this township; and judging from present appearances, we will be able to control the election against next fall. Our Division in this place, is the magazine where we manufacture and keep the ammunition and implements of war, to fight for the Maine Liquor Law. Our motto is the Maine Law and nothing else; and we are opposed to township legislation on the subject, consequently we consider the law of last winter which makes legislators of township trustees, beneath the dignity of every true temperance man.

JAMES MARTIN, Sec'y.

MT. PLEASANT, Jefferson County, }
April 3d, 1853. }

BRO. CLARK: At a meeting held at Harrisville, Harrison Co., Ohio, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted as the sense of the Council; ordered to be signed by the officers and sent to the "Organ" for publication, viz:

Resolved, That the friends of temperance in Jefferson and Harrison counties in Quarterly Council convened, believe that the present aspect of the temperance question demands their earnest, untiring and concentrated action, and the present is a most auspicious time to strike the blow which shall effectually and forever silence the common enemy of mankind.

Resolved, That we hail with pleasure the glorious day which is dawning, promising as it does to shed its effulgent light upon every class of community, and withering, by its brightness, that foul and accursed system which upholds and propagates every species of crime, misery and degradation, physical and mental; and driving to their hiding places, those who have dared thus long to stand out against the influence of truth and virtue.

Resolved, That the State of Ohio demands, and will have, (if good and true men innumerable can accomplish it) legislation which will meet the exigencies of the case; legislation which will place the liquor vender conspicuously among the grossest violators of law and order, and protect the mothers and wives, sisters and daughters, from the blighting, withering and damning influence of intemperance.

Resolved, That to this end, while we disclaim all separate political organization, (unless impelled so to do by the action of existing political parties) we hereby avow our determination to support, for no legislative, executive, or ministerial office, any man who is not pledged uncompromisingly to use all his influence, official and otherwise, for the enactment of such legal measures as shall secure us the Maine Law or its equivalent.

Resolved, That we regard with deep regret, the weak, abortive and disgraceful action, of our last State Legislature, and moreover, we recognize in the originators and supporters of the ridiculously foolish and ineffective law, which they blindly attempt to palm upon us, weakness and folly unworthy of men.

Resolved, That we recommend to